THE GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING NEARLY COMPLETED THE TUNNEL PINISHED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The great lake tunnel is all but completed, two feet of earth remaining to be excavated. The Board of Public Works will break through this tomerrow. It is a mighty feat of engineering skill. Dull | log if We c & Gowan of Harrisburg, Pa, took the contract for building it at \$315,139, and ground was broke March 17, 864, and the work has steadily advanced to completion. Its capacity is such that it will furnish 1,000,000 people 57 gallons of water each per day. Much remains to be ing elevating engines, buildings, putting down pipes, &c.

THE WORK ON THE TUNNEL - A SUPTERBANEAN

is position upon the top of the first; when it had sunk to a level with the surface of the ground, the two were finally boiled together, and then the work of exessation proceeded. The third having been attached in its turn, the work was pushed forward until the shaft reached a depth of 30 feet. This brought the miners through the soil and quicksands, and some feet into the fine clay formation, wherein they were safe from the irruption of water. After reaching the above named depth the shaft was contracted to a diameter of eight feet, and thence pushed downward to a depth of 47 feet below the bottom of the cylinder, or 77 feet from the surface of the ground. From the cylinder downward the shaft is lined with thick measuring twelve inches thick, laid in three shells in the best of cennel. The shore shaft, then, as completed, measures 77 feet in depth, nine feet in diameter for the first 30 feet, and six feet diameter for the remaining 47 feet.

THE TUNNEL

commences at the bottom of the shore shaft. 77 feet below the sea-surface of the earth, and extends, at right angels, a distance of exactly two miles. It is almost circular in form, being 5 feet 2 inches high and 5 feet wide, in the clear), the variation from a true circle being made on account of the keystone of the arch. It is listed lengthwise of the tunnel in two shells, with "toothing, loints." None but hand-burned clear, ringing, well-formed bricks, entirely free from line, and 8 inches long by 4 inches wide and 25 inches thick, were used in the construction of the funnel and they were ind in the best of cement, only one measure of clean, sharp sand being allowed to one measure of cement. Including the shore-shaft, there are nearly 5.000 cubic yards of masonry, which required in round numbers about 4,000,000 bricks. The actual exavation of the tunnel in order to give it a diameter of 5 feet inside the masonry, is about 7 feet in diameter, requiring the removal of about 16,000 cubic yards of earth.

deaire to deal justly with the contractors, to whose enterprise and undannied energy they owe so much for the vigorous prosecution of the work in the face of innumerable and meighty obstacles. It is estimated that, so far from the contractors lowing any money, not only will they receive full and adequate remuneration to cover their entire expenditure, but also retire from the undertaking with a net profit of \$100,000. Including recent changes at the Water Works and some necessary final work on the tunnel, the cost of the entire improvement will be not far from \$1,000,000. But even that sum is trivial indeed, compared with the cost of the water works of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Beitimore, and many other cities. A tunnel two miles in length nader Lake Michigan, and the construction of a permanent foundation for a light-house at the outer end, which shall resist the storms and waves of centuries, is an undertaking of which but few realize the magnitude—an enterprise beside which \$1,000,000 is very little money.

THE CHARGES AGAINST MATTHEW T. BRENNAN The examination in the case of Matthew T. Bren-nan, late Controller of the City of New York, in charges prenan, late tentroller of the City of New York, in charges pre-ferred a gainst him by the Citizens' Association, was held in the Court Room at Police Headquarters in Mulberry st, resterday morning before Commissioner John Sedgwick, appointed to try the case by the State. Ex Judge Emott, defendant's attorney. Gen. S. H. Hammond, S. S. Noves and Joseph F. Dreiy were present as counsel on behalf of the State of New York, James T. Brady and A. R. Lawrence appearing as counsel for the ac-cused. Mr. Sedgwick announced that he was ready to proceed with the investigation.

Mr. Herrick's examination then proceeded: In The Atlas of February 15, 1865, appeared an article referring to the Controller's office, which the witness real. Of witness's Kanwiedge knew of no warrant in favor of Mr. Orison Blont for \$50,000, Q. Was Matthew T. Breenant the "leading spirit" in this \$50,000 ob? Q. Question medited.) A. Don't know that the committee decided that \$50,000 was millicent for testimental, he wrote the article in The Atlas of December, 1e64, referring to testimonials; wrote an article in The Atlas of August 18, from which were read several rather strong sentences; the amount of judgments referred to were ever \$6,000, and the costs of siit over \$6,000; did not state in The Atlas of August 18, which were the Atlas of the Atlas of August 18, and Whiting had kept away from the County Clerk's effice; did watate in The Atlas that Tom Fields would have a similar number of judgments but for like reasons; did not know that the payment of an alieged beggs claim for Mr. Wood was the bargain for Mr. Brennan's nomination by Mozart Hall, did so state at the time but could not affirm the statement, did not know himself of any bargain having been made with Mr. Brennan in reference to the payment of his bills; witness was politically interested in the removal of Mr. Brennan spans ago, which accounted for his course at that time—the Governor not removing; he was defeated; did not state to any one in New York that he never made anything out of the friends of reform, but made \$10,000 by going over to Mr. Brennan; his opposition to Mr. Brennan ceased when his political feelings permitted; characterized Mr. Brennan as the "Great Bead Raibhit," after the 30th December did not assail in his paper the Controller.

As previously announced, at 3 o'clock yesterday

As previously announced, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Ex-Judge Whiting (appointed a Commissioner by Gov. Fenton, to investigate into the charges of corruption against the late Street Commissioner, Charles G. Cornell) appeared in the Supreme Court, General Term, room, to commence the proceedings in the matter.

Judge Whiting, after taking his seat upon the bench, said: On the 17th day of November, I received this commission from his Excellency, the Governor of the State of New-York. (Judge Whiting here read the notice appointing him a Commissioner Whiting here read the notice appointing him a Commissioner to hear the investigation of the charges against Charles G. Cornell. late Street Commissioner.) Judge Whiting then directed the Court officer, Mr. Kennedy, to call Charles G. Cornell. No response being made, the Deputy Attorney General arose and said: Mr. Cornell not appearing, since the appointment of a Commissioner, and the service of a notice on him to that effect, I have been furnished with a certificate of the resignation of Mr. Cornell from the office of Street Commissioner. The Attorney-tieneral conceives there is no farther necessity for proceeding in the matter, and I shall therefore not produce any evidence in support of the charges.

Judge Whiting said. Before dismissing the subject I would beg leave to say a few words. His Excellency, Gov. Fenton, wholly unsolicited by me, did me the honor to appoint me a Commissioner. I received this appointment on the 17th day of November, and the Attorney General on the same day gave the Street Commissioner. I received this appointment on the 17th day of November, and the Attorney General on the same day gave the street Commissioner, he set his resignation of the office to his Honor the Mayor, who communicated it to a special session of the Board of Aldermen, held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Board immediately accepted the same, as they say, "for the reasons stated by the Street Commissioner." The Attorney General deeming that the vacation of the o

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